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## ***Amendment***

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***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
AND ADDICTION SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING  
REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACTION ORGANIZATIONS."***

1 In line 1, strike "There are established" and insert in lieu thereof "The  
2 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services may contract  
3 with one or more nonprofit organizations to operate as"

4 Strike line 2 in its entirety

5 Strike section 4 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

6 "Sec. 4. Section 17a-456 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
7 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

8 [There] (a) On and before October 1, 2022, there shall be a Board of  
9 Mental Health and Addiction Services that shall consist of: (1) Nineteen  
10 members appointed by the Governor, subject to the provisions of section  
11 4-9a, five of whom shall have had experience in the field of substance  
12 [abuse] use disorders, five of whom shall be from the mental health

13 community, three of whom shall be physicians licensed to practice  
14 medicine in this state who have had experience in the field of psychiatry,  
15 two of whom shall be psychologists licensed to practice in this state, two  
16 of whom shall be persons representing families of individuals with  
17 [psychiatric disabilities] behavioral health disorders, and two of whom  
18 shall be persons representing families of individuals recovering from  
19 substance use disorders; (2) the chairmen of the regional mental health  
20 boards; [established pursuant to section 17a-484;] (3) one designee of  
21 each such board; (4) two designees from each of the five subregions  
22 represented by the substance abuse subregional planning and action  
23 councils; [established pursuant to section 17a-671;] (5) one designee  
24 from each mental health region established pursuant to section 17a-478,  
25 each of whom shall represent individuals with psychiatric disabilities,  
26 selected by such regional mental health boards in collaboration with  
27 advocacy groups; and (6) one designee from each of the five subregions  
28 represented by such substance abuse subregional planning and action  
29 councils, each of whom shall represent individuals recovering from  
30 substance use disorders, selected by such substance abuse subregional  
31 planning and action councils in collaboration with advocacy groups.  
32 The members of the board shall serve without compensation except for  
33 necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties. The members  
34 of the board may include representatives of nongovernment  
35 organizations or groups, and of state agencies, concerned with  
36 planning, operation or utilization of facilities providing mental health  
37 and substance [abuse] use disorder services, including consumers and  
38 providers of such services who are familiar with the need for such  
39 services, except that no more than half of the members of the board shall  
40 be providers of such services. Appointed members shall serve on the  
41 board for terms of four years each and members who are designees shall  
42 serve on the board at the pleasure of the designating authority. No  
43 appointed member of the board shall be employed by the state or be a  
44 member of the staff of any institution for which such member's  
45 compensation is paid wholly by the state. A majority of the board shall  
46 constitute a quorum.

47       **(b) On and after October 1, 2022, there shall be a Board of Mental**  
48       **Health and Addiction Services that shall consist of (1) nineteen members**  
49       **appointed by the Governor, subject to the provisions of section 4-9a, five**  
50       **of whom shall have lived experience with substance use disorders, five**  
51       **of whom shall have lived experience with a mental health diagnosis, five**  
52       **of whom shall be behavioral health practitioners licensed to practice in**  
53       **the state, two of whom shall be persons representing families of**  
54       **individuals with behavioral health disorders, and two of whom shall be**  
55       **persons representing families of individuals recovering from substance**  
56       **use disorders; and (2) five members appointed by the Commissioner of**  
57       **Mental Health and Addiction Services, each of whom shall represent a**  
58       **regional behavioral health action organization described in section 1 of**  
59       **this act. The Governor shall appoint a chairperson from among the**  
60       **members of the board. The members of the board shall serve without**  
61       **compensation except for necessary expenses incurred in performing**  
62       **their duties. The members of the board may include representatives of**  
63       **nongovernment organizations or groups, and of state agencies,**  
64       **concerned with planning, operation or utilization of facilities providing**  
65       **mental health and substance use disorder services, including consumers**  
66       **and providers of such services who are familiar with the need for such**  
67       **services, except that no more than half of the members of the board shall**  
68       **be providers of such services. Members shall serve on the board for**  
69       **terms of four years. No member of the board shall be employed by the**  
70       **state or be a member of the staff of any institution for which such**  
71       **member's compensation is paid wholly by the state. A majority of the**  
72       **board shall constitute a quorum."**